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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 63

Introduced by Assembly Members Mansoor and Solorio
(Coauthor: Senator Correa)

May 25, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 63—Relative to Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 63, as amended, Mansoor. Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day.

This measure would recognize June 19, 2011, as Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day, in memory of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for freedom and democracy and the victims of the Vietnam War, and in honor of the survivors, activists, and freedom fighters of that war.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, From 1961 to 1975, the Vietnam War brought
2 about the loss of approximately 250,000 members of the armed
3 forces of the Republic of Vietnam and 58,000 members of the
4 United States Armed Forces for the cause of freedom; and
5 WHEREAS, More than 300,000 members of the United States
6 Armed Forces and more than ~~350,000~~ 1,000,000 members of the
7 armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam were injured; and
8 WHEREAS, After the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, more
9 than 250,000 members of the armed forces of the Republic of
10 Vietnam were sent to reeducation camps; many spent up to 17

1 years in captivity and more than 20,000 died before they were
2 released; and

3 WHEREAS, Thousands of veterans of the Republic of Vietnam
4 now reside in the United States and participate in activities
5 sponsored by American veterans, including Memorial Day, and
6 today there are an estimated 100,000 veterans from the Republic
7 of Vietnam living in California; and

8 WHEREAS, All veterans who risked their lives fighting for
9 freedom should be honored for their distinguished service in the
10 Vietnam War and for the contributions they provide to the United
11 States as American citizens, and it is the intent of the State of
12 California to honor the sacrifices, commitment, dedication, and
13 courage of everyone who fought for the freedom of the Republic
14 of Vietnam; and

15 WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes the importance
16 behind the principles of individual freedom in a just society
17 promoting human rights and dignity and joins with the veterans
18 of the Republic of Vietnam in the effort to designate June 19 as a
19 day of remembrance for Americans and Vietnamese who fought
20 side by side for the ideals and values of democracy; now, therefore,
21 be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes June 19, 2011,
24 as Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day, in
25 memory of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for freedom and
26 democracy and the victims of the Vietnam War, and in honor of
27 the survivors, activists, and freedom fighters of that war; and be
28 it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
30 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.